

First Record of Black Kite *Milvus migrans* for Java

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Ringkasan. Pada tanggal 2-4 Nopember 2006 diadakan pengamatan raptor migran sebagai upaya pemantauan setiap tahun yang biasanya diadakan oleh anggota Jaringan Penelitian dan Konservasi Raptor Indonesia (Raptor Indonesia-RAIN). Pengamatan diadakan di lokasi Paralayang, Puncak, Bogor, Jawa Barat. Pada pengamatan selama waktu tersebut teramati seekor Elang Paria, *Milvus migrans* dan bisa di foto sehingga bisa didapatkan ciri khas untuk identifikasi di lapangan. Hasil pengamatan ini merupakan konfirmasi pertama keberadaan *M. migrans* dengan bukti foto di pulau Jawa.

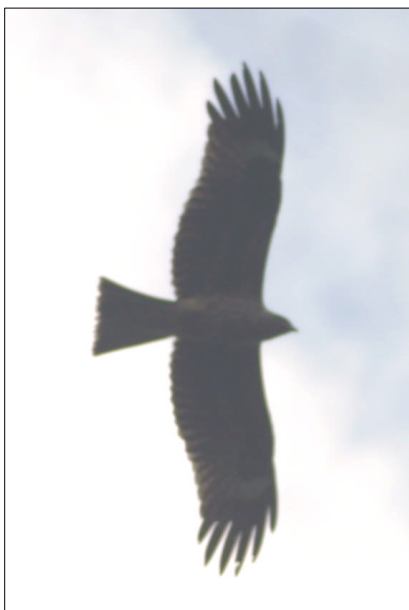
Since 2001 raptors have been counted annually during their autumn (southward) migration at Puncak (06°42'07" S; 106°59'04" E; 1,280 m asl), just north of Gunung Gede Pangrango National Park, West Java, by members of Raptor Indonesia. During the three days of monitoring at Puncak between 2 and 4 November 2006, we noticed an unusual raptor flying over our observation point. The species was confidently identified as a Black Kite *Milvus migrans*. The bird was carefully observed and photographed (Plate 1) at 09:54 hrs on 3 November as it flew northeast, along with other migrating raptors, over our observation point at Puncak.

The Black Kite has previously been recorded in all parts of Indonesia except Java and Bali, and only as a vagrant in Kalimantan and Sumatra (Andrew 1992; MacKinnon & Phillipps 1993; Ferguson-Lees & Christie 2001). Our record is the first Javan record confirmed by photographs although there is an earlier unpublished sight record of two Black Kites near Puncak Pass in 2004 (Nick Brickle, pers. comm.). It is also the first record of this species in the six years of annual monitoring by Raptor Indonesia at several sites in West Java (Sukmantoro *et al.* 2005). The bird we saw showed the characteristic shallow-forked tail, generally dark brown colouring apart from a somewhat paler head and some rufous-brown below. The weather was cloudy with light west to northwesterly winds. The bird was observed some 200-500 m away from the observers as it flew overhead and beyond.

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Plate 1. Black kite, *Milvus migrans* taken at Puncak, West Java on 3 November 2006.